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AVOCADOS

FLORIDA AGRICULTURE



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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments remains at 950,000 bushels. This is 13 percent more than the 843,000 bushels shipped last season. It is also above the previous season and the most since the 1991-92 season.

Estimated shipments through November total 880,300 bushels, slightly more than the 860,400 bushels shipped to the same date in the 1997-98 season. That season the total shipments reached 938,000 bushels.

Following a survey in October to update tree and acre numbers, bearing acres is now estimated at 6,000, down slightly from earlier estimates.

CALIFORNIA: Estimated total shipments for the first month of the 2000-01 marketing season are estimated at 109,000 bushel equivalents. This is more than the 70,000 bushel equivalents shipped last season to the same date. Total shipments for the season are at 8,308,000 bushels equivalents, 21 percent more than the previous season.

FLORIDA: Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 2000-01 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through November	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1990-91	651,200	100,800	752,000
1991-92	896,300	214,700	1,111,000
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	123,000	52,000	175,000
1994-95	618,900	160,100	779,000
1995-96	633,400	110,600	744,000
1996-97	738,600	179,400	918,000
1997-98	860,400	77,600	938,000
1998-99	730,500	160,500	891,000
1999-00	801,900	41,100	843,000
Estimated:			
2000-01	880,300	69,700	950,000

CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 2000-01 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	1999-00	2000-01 season		
	Total shipments	Shipments through December 4	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	122,000	67,000	63,000	130,000
Hass	6,175,000	6,000	7,508,000	7,514,000
Other	562,000	36,000	628,000	664,000
Total	6,859,000	109,000	8,199,000	8,308,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.